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1. REF (B) PROVIDES INFORMATION, COMMENT AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE NEGOTIATING HISTORY CONCERNING THE SIZE OF THE MILITARY DELEGATIONS TO THE FPJMT. REF B FURTHER POINTS OUT THAT 35 MAN FPJMT COMPLEMENT IS TO BE COMPOSED OF TWO CATEGORIES; OFFICER-DELEGATES AND SUPPORT AND GUARD PERSONNEL. IT GOES ON TO SAY "THROUGHOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS, ALL PARTIES HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT OPERATIONS
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ASSOCIATED WITH THE SEARCH FOR AND THE REPATRIATION OF

REMAINS, OR OTHER TASKS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 8(B) WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL. FOR EXAMPLE, THE USDEL HAS MADE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO PERSONNEL FROM JCRC WHOM THE U.S. WOULD EMPLOY IN REPATRIATION OPERATIONS".

2. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, WE CONSIDER JCRC PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN IN-COUNTRY OPERATIONS AS NOT REPEAT NOT PART OF THE CEILING ESTABLISHED FOR THE FPJMT. THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF THE JCRC OPERATIONAL TEAMS ARE THE

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CDR JCRC WHO WILL WORK WITH THE AMBASSADOR IN ASSURING THE LOWEST POSSIBLE MILITARY VISIBILITY COMMENSURATE WITH FULFILLMENT OF JCRC MISSION REQUIREMENTS.

3. THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME CONFUSION STEMMING FROM PARA 4 REF (B) WHICH SAYS IN PART FPJMT SPACES "COULD BE USED TO COVER JCRC PERSONNEL WHO MAY BE IN SVN ON A SEMI-PERMANENT BASIS". IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS PHRASE REFLECTS ONLY A POSSIBLE USE OF CEILING SPACES TO COVER ONLY THOSE JCRC PERSONNEL WHO MIGHT BE PLACED IN-COUNTRY ON A SEMI-PERMANENT BASIS BUT IS NOT REPEAT NOT APPLICABLE TO JCRC OPERATIONAL TEAMS BROUGHT IN FOR SPECIFIC MISSIONS. RUSH

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